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SUBJ: CONSULAR STAFFING, TORONTO AND VANCOUVER

REF: (A) TORONTO 1196; (B) OTTAWA 1892 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY HAS UNDERTAKEN URGENT AND DETAILED ANALYSIS OF CONSULAR STAFFING AND WORKLOAD IN CANADA JANUARY THROUGH JULY 1976. AS A RESULT OF CG HARPER'S SURVEY OF VANCOUVER OPERATIONS AND DEMONSTRABLE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL HELP THAT POST, ONE POSITION WAS TRANSFERRED FROM MONTREAL TO VANCOUVER (REF B). WE UNDERSTAND OFFICER HAS BEEN ASSIGNED WITH ETA VANCOUVER OF 8/76.

2. OTHER MOST PRESSING NEED IS FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULAR POSITION TORONTO, TO BE SHARED BETWEEN NIV AND PPT/SCS FUNCTIONS. EMBASSY OBSERVATION, CONFIRMED BY ANALYSIS OF CG DIGGINS SINCE ARRIVAL (REF A), SHOWS WORKLOAD INCREASES FORECAST IN LAST CONSULAR PACKAGE PROBABLY WILL BE EXCEEDED, AND EVEN AT PRESENT LEVELS ARE BEYOND STAFF CAPACITY OVER THE LONG RUN. DESPERATE SUMMER NEED WAS MET BY TDY OF ONE OFFICER FROM CG QUEBEC CITY, BUT PERMANENT STAFF INCREASE ESSENTIAL.

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3. EMBASSY IS INFORMED THAT FIRST TRANCHE OF FY 77 POSITIONS INCLUDES ONE CONSULAR OFFICER FOR VANCOUVER.

SINCE THAT NEED HAS BEEN MET WITHIN COUNTRY, AND
ADDITIONAL OFFICER FOR VANCOUVER WOULD BE SUPERFLUOUS,
REQUEST THAT FY 77 POSITION BE ALLOCATED INSTEAD TO
TORONTO. DEPARTMENT MAY BE ASSURED THAT SHEER WORKLOAD
THERE WOULD GUARANTEE OFFICER'S FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT
IN CONSULAR FUNCTIONS.
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